

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully solicited. Applicants note with appreciation the U.S. PTO indication of allowable subject matter.

Because Claim 10 in the November 27, 2008 AMENDMENT—as it appears in the file of the undersigned offices—depends on Claim 9, the undersigned attempted to reach the Examiner by phone on June 16, 2008 when applicants' instructions were also received. Since the Examiner was not at his desk, the undersigned checked on PAIR and found that only one page of claim amendments appeared in PAIR, not including pages 8-9 of the November 27, 2007 AMENDMENT. This was done in view of the statements in paragraph 6 [of the outstanding Office Action, and the sentence which recites, "The claim is confusing as it refers to the composition of Claim 6..."]

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections under 35 USC 103 and incorporate by reference the traversal set forth in the prior applicants' paper of October 5, 2007.

Amendments herein are presented to narrow the issue. Claim 7 is in the independent form. Accordingly the issue set forth by the USPTO is moot. As Claim 8 now depends from Claim 7 the claim appears to be in condition for allowance. Claim 10 has been rewritten as an independent method claim and expressly recites the composition of Claim 9. Claim 9 remains in the application for the Examiner's convenience to discern the support for current Claim 10 recitations.

An early allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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